

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION OF CHILDREN'S WRITERS

REF: A. MOSCOW 188865 (12/20/74)

B. STATE 14537

1. UNION OF WRITERS PROVIDED 2/6/75 FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PLANS AND WISHES OF CHILDREN'S WRITERS' DELEGATION. DELEGATION LEADER MIKHALKOV WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON FROM MEXICO FEBRUARY 25TH ON EA-204. ALEXSEYEV AND TAKMAKOVA WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON FROM MOSCOW ON FEBRUARY 28TH ABOARD SU-317.
  2. DELEGATION'S INTEREST IN MEETING PUBLISHERS IS TO SURVEY U.S. OUTPUT OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AND IF U.S. PUBLISHERS INTERESTED CARRYING ON INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON SOVIET CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.
  3. DELEGATION WISHES TO MEET WITH VIRGINIA DE HAVILAND, APPARENTLY WORKING AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, JOHN CIARDI AND BEL KAUFMAN. IN ADDITION REQUESTS MEETINGS WITH TRANSLATORS OF RUSSIAN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE MIRIAM MORTON AND MARGARET RUDOLPH. BOTH EVIDENTLY IN NEW YORK. OTHER AMERICAN LITERARY FIGURES UP TO CHOICE OF DEPARTMENT.
  4. UNION RETITERATED GROUPS DESIRE VISIT DISNEYLAND IN FLORIDA. EMBASSY PASSED ON DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION IN REF B TO VISIT EITHER LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO RATHER THAN LAS VEGAS. UNION REPLIED THEY DON'T INSIST ON LAS VEGAS AND FINAL DECISION UP TO DEPARTMENT. FYI: MIKALKOV PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LAS VEGAS AS
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BOTH PROFESSIONAL WRITER WISHING OBSERVE HUMAN NATURE UNDER

CONDITIONS PROUCED BY INTENSE GAMBLING AND AS INDIVIDUAL WHO  
LIKES TO PLACE A SMALL BET FROM TIME TO TIME. THIS INFORMATION  
PASSED TO EMBOFF BY UNION OFFICIAL IN ALL EARNESTNESS.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ARRANGE MEETINGS  
WITH SUITABLE COUNTERPARTS. LAST SOVIET WRITERS'S DELEGATION  
VOICED DISSATISFACTION WITH KINDS AND NUMBERS OF CONTACTS ARRANGED  
FOR THEM, THEREBY TO SOME EXTENT OFFSETTING POSITIVE EFFECTS OF  
VISIT.  
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